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Veterans Benefits Administration To Provide Online Benefits Help for Military Male Survivors Via MR. MST

Washington, DC - March, 16 2015 - On Monday, March 16, 2015, Undersecretary Hickey and her staff provided Men Recovering from Military Sexual Trauma (MR. MST) with online access to an MST Coordinator to answer questions and provide assistance with regard to MST issues and claims. This assistance will be provided via MR. MST's private, Facebook hosted male survivor forum.

In response to the Undersecretary's decision to help, MR. MST President Brian Lewis released the following statement: "We are pleased that the Veterans Benefits Administration has taken a first step in reaching out to male survivors of military sexual trauma. Undersecretary Hickey, and her staff, have taken the first steps by this Administration to treat male survivors of sexual crimes as victims needing assistance."

Men Recovering from Military Sexual Trauma would like to express their sincere appreciation to Undersecretary Hickey and her staff for the wonderful resource they have provided to male survivors of military sexual trauma. MR. MST encourages male survivors in an active duty, reserve or veteran status to apply for membership in their moderated, private forum by emailing president@mrmst.org.

About Men Recovering from Military Sexual Trauma: MR. MST seeks to empower male survivors and their allies and raise awareness of male survivors of sexual crimes in the military.

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